

Dear Sirs,

I am an avid listener of XM Sattelite Radio. My job requires me to travel extensively and in most cases I cannot get any decent local radio stations. The solution for me was to subscribe to sattelite radio. This allows me to listen to what I want, when I want. XM's Traffic and Weather stations are a godsend for someone like me who has to travel in any weather at any time. I can check the local traffic for a place like New York City hours before I get to that area so I can plan my travels accordingly. Can I do this with my FM radio? No. I have to wait until I get into the traffic to determine whether my route will be congested. As we all know, local radio stations are only good for about 75 miles on a good day.

I am actively supporting XM Radio in their quest to keep the Traffic and Weather channels available to me, a voter, consumer, and above all, and American. I am an American by birth, and I should have the choice to listen to what I want. The government has stuck their fingers into too much already. The citizens of this country deserve a choice, and this should not be dictated by the government. If the NAB has a problem with competition by sattelite radio, then they need to find another industry. Instead of going to the FCC to regulate what they do not like, they need to learn to compete and keep up with technology. I pay for my sattelite radio service, the NAB has no authority to determine what I should listen to. I am a grown adult, and I can make my own decisions. I want the Traffic and Weather. I do not want the FCC or the NAB to make my decisions for me. It's none of their business.

None of this would be a problem if the NAB would put some quality programming in place, and quit crying to the government. Nobody likes a crybaby. The NAB is just that. I say to you NAB, step up to the plate and make a difference in the way you do business. Competition is the best solution for this, not FCC involvement.

Respectfully,

William Baker